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SUBJ: SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION AT KISSINGER-OHIRA MEETING

SUMMURY: FONOFF IS PREPARING TO BRIEF FONMIN OHIRA ON SEVEN KEY TOPICS FOR HIS WASHINGTON MEETING WITH SECRETARY, GIVING PRIORITY TO CHINA/TAIWAN AND USSR. EMBASSY ENDORSES THAT EMPHASIS, AND SUGGESTS SECRETARY MIGHT ALSO DISCUSS INDO-CHINA (NOT ON FONOFF LIST) AND US-JAPAN TRADE. END SUMMARY.

1. FIRST NORTH AMERICAN DIV HEAD MATSUURA HAS PROVIDED EMB WITH FONOFF VIEWS ON SUBJECTS FONMIN OHIRA MIGHT EXPECT TO DISCUSS WITH SECRETARY DURING WASHINGTON MEETING. MATSUURA NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH BRIEFING PAPERS ARE NOW IN PREPARATION ON BASIS OF THIS LIST, IT HAS NOT BEEN CLEARED WITH OHIRA. LIST REFLECTS FONOFF BELIEF THAT MEETING WILL COVER MANY OF SAME SUBJECTS DISCUSSED LAST FEBRUARY, SINCE MUCH AS OCCURRED TO MAKE REVIEW NECESSARY.

2. TOPICS IN DESCENDING ORDER OF PRIORITY ARE:

A. CHINA -- OHIRA WILL DISCUSS JAPAN-CHINA NEGOTIATIONS AND STATE OF RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN.

B. USSR -- OHIRA WILL DESCRIBE CURRENT JAPANESE INTENTIONS IN SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT, AND WOULD LIKE SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON US ROLE. OHIRA WOULD ALSO WISH TO HEAR ABOUT SALT II, SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MOSCOW, AND PRESIDENT'S COMING

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VISIT TO MOSCOW.

C. KOREAN PENINSULA -- OHIRA WILL FOCUS ON POLITICAL TENSIONS IN SOUTH KOREA AND CURRENT STATE OF GOJ-ROV RELATIONS.

D. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES -- OHIRA WISHES TO KNOW IF ANYTHING NEW HAS BEEN HEARD FROM EC, AND WHETHER NATO DECLARATION WILL APPEAR DURING OTTAWA CONFERENCE IN MID-JUNE. JAPAN ITSELF HAS HAD NO NEW APPROACHES FROM EC OR ITS MEMBERS.

E. MIDDLE EAST -- OHIRA WOULD APPRECIATE BRIEFING ON SECRETARY'S PEACE PROMOTING EFFORTS.

F. ENERGY

G. SPECIAL UNGA (IF TIME PERMITS)

3. IN EMBASSY VIEW, FONOFF LIST IS COMPREHENSIVE TO A FAULT, CONSIDERING TIME AVAILABLE FOR MEETING. HOWEVER, WE AGREE WITH THEIR PRIORITIES. AS SUGGESTED IN TOKYO 5976, WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPERATIVE TO KEEP US-JAPAN DIALOGUE AUCOURANT ON CHINA AND TAIWAN, AND REVIEW IS TIMELY IN LIGHT OF POSSIBILITIES OPENED UP BY CONCLUSION OF JAPAN-CHINA CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT. SIMILARLY, SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR JAPANESE CONTRIBUTION TO CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SIBERIAN RAILROAD, AND RECENT SOVIET-JAPANESE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO PROCEED WITH YAKUTS EXPLORATION AND SAKHALIN PROJECTS, IN WHICH US HAS AN INTEREST, SUGGEST UTILITY OF REVIEWING SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT WITHIN LARGER SETTING OF OUR RESPECTIVE OVERALL POLICIES TOWARD USSR.

4. THOUGH MATSUURA DID NOT MENTION INDOCHINA, WE HAVE DETECTED CONSIDERABLE UNEASINESS RECENTLY WITHIN FONOFF ABOUT FACTORS CAUSING INSTABILITY THERE, PARTICULARLY ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND DETERIORATING MILITARY SITUATION IN CAMBODIA. MOREOVER, FONOFF HAS IMPRESSION THAT USG IS LOSING INTEREST IN INDOCHINA AS EVENTS ELSEWHERE IN WORLD, ESPECIALLY MIDDLE EAST, TAKE PRIORITY IN COMMANDING OUR ATTENTION AND RESOURCES. TO SUSTAIN GOJ
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ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY GOVTS IN INDOCHINA AT LEVELS THAT WILL SIGNIFICANTLY ASSIST OUR OWN EFFORTS, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE SECRETARY COULD STRESS TO OHIRA THE IMPORTANCE OF THE JAPANESE CONTRIBUTION AND OUR OWN DETERMINATION TO STAY THE COURSE.

5. SECRETARY MAY WISH TO BROACH WITH OHIRA POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS ON TRADE AND OTHER ECONOMIC MATTERS IN LIEU OF

FORMAL ECONCOM MEETING AS SUGGESTED STATE 83004.

6. FONOFF HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ARRANGING FOR SECRETARY
AND OHIRA TO SIGN ENERGY R&D AGREEMENT AT THEIR MEETING
(TOKYO 6124). IF WE CAN RESOLVE THE ONE OUTSTANDING POINT
AND COMPLETE OTHER FORMALITIES IN TIME, THIS COULD HIGHLIGHT
POSITIVE, COOPERATIVE TONE OF MEETING.
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